

In the Drawings:

Please replace the informal drawings with the attached formal drawings of FIGs 1-3 contained in sheets 1-5.

REMARKS

This AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 to correct informalities in the application prior to payment of the Issue Fee.

Applicants have amended the first sentence of the specification to include the number of the patent that issued from the priority patent application.

Applicants herewith provide formal Drawings, and respectfully request the Office to enter the formal drawings.

Applicants respectfully submit this amendment, and request that the Examiner consider the Applicants' remarks and enter the amendment. Authority for an AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE is provided in 37 C.F.R. section 1.312 ("§ 312"), and is discussed in MPEP section 714.16.

Specifically, §312 provides:

No amendment may be made as a matter of right in an application after the mailing of the notice of allowance. Any amendment filed pursuant to this section must be filed before or with the payment of the issue fee, and may be entered on the recommendation of the primary examiner, approved by the Director, without withdrawing the application from issue.

MPEP section 714.16 provides, in relevant part:

[The Examiner] has the authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, or the cancellation of claims from the application, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval.

This Amendment is timely submitted prior to payment of the issue fee, which is due May 25, 2010.

Specification:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment to paragraph [0001] of the Specification, which updates the priority claim to reflect the number of the issued

parent patent. Applicants submit that the requested amendment is a formality and adds neither new matter nor provides grounds for further examination. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner accept and enter paragraph [0001] as amended to reflect the updated priority claim.

Claims:

Applicants respectfully submit the final set of claims allowed in the Examiner's Notice of Allowance, to update the status indicators of "Allowed" or "Cancelled" and submit that they have not added new matter and have not amended the claims after allowance.

Drawings:

Applicants respectfully submit formal drawings of Figures 1-3 on Sheets 1-5, to replace the informal drawings in the current application. No new matter has been added. Replacing informal drawings with formal drawings is an amendment contemplated under § 312 and explicitly discussed in MPEP § 714.16 (quoted above), and does not necessitate further examination. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner accept Figures 1-3 on Sheets 1-5 and enter this amendment to the drawings.

CONCLUSION

The above Remarks address Applicants' timely-filed AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE. Applicants have not yet paid the issue fee, which is due May 25, 2010. Applicants respectfully submit that the Amendment adds no new matter and corrects only formalities, which corrections are permitted with the Examiner's recommendation. No additional fees are due for claims added during prosecution. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner recommend entering the Amendment.

If the Examiner believes that a conversation with the undersigned would be helpful in expediting entry of the Amendment and the changes contemplated, the Examiner is cordially invited to call.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4089 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Please note that a new Power of Attorney has been filed and accepted by the Office. The current contact information is included below.

Respectfully submitted,

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